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PREFACE

This monograph is a revised version of Part II of my doctoral dissertation submitted to the University of Cambridge in 1975. During the writing of it I have been aware of my indebtedness to many teachers and friends for their insights and, not least, their questions. I should like to record my thanks in particular to the following: to Dr R. E. Clements (who supervised my research and, as Editor, accepted this work for the Monograph Series), Dr S. P. Brock and Dr C. J. Labuschagne, all of whom read the original manuscript and made many helpful suggestions; to Professor J. A. Emerton, whose rigorous handling of exegetical and other problems has been a source of inspiration throughout my work; to Dr P. S. Alexander and Dr Z. Meshel, who advised me on particular points; to the Society for Old Testament Study and the Managers of the Hort Fund of the University of Cambridge, for generous contributions to the cost of publication; and to the staff of the Cambridge University Press, for their exceptionally careful and courteous handling of the process of production.

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ABBREVIATIONS

<i>AJ</i>	<i>Antiquitates Judaicae</i> (Josephus)
<i>ANET</i>	<i>Ancient Near Eastern Texts Relating to the Old Testament</i> , ed. J. B. Pritchard (Princeton, 1950: 2nd edn 1955; 3rd edn 1969)
<i>AUSS</i>	<i>Andrews University Seminary Studies</i>
<i>BA</i>	<i>Biblical Archaeologist</i>
<i>BASOR</i>	<i>Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research</i>
<i>BDB</i>	F. Brown, S. R. Driver and C. A. Briggs, <i>A Hebrew and English Lexicon of the Old Testament</i> (Oxford, 1906)
<i>BH³</i>	<i>Biblia Hebraica</i> , 3rd edn ed. R. Kittel, A. Alt and O. Eissfeldt (Stuttgart, 1937)
<i>BHS</i>	<i>Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia</i> , ed. K. Elliger and W. Rudolph (Stuttgart, 1968–)
<i>BIE</i>	<i>Bulletin de l'Institut d'Égypte</i>
<i>BIFAO</i>	<i>Bulletin de l'Institut Français d'Archéologie Orientale</i>
<i>BZAW</i>	<i>Beiheft zur Zeitschrift für die Alttestamentliche Wissenschaft</i>
<i>CBQ</i>	<i>Catholic Biblical Quarterly</i>
<i>CCSL</i>	<i>Corpus Christianorum, Series Latina</i>
<i>CSCO</i>	<i>Corpus Scriptorum Christianorum Orientalium</i>
<i>CSEL</i>	<i>Corpus Scriptorum Ecclesiasticorum Latinorum</i>
<i>DBS</i>	<i>Dictionnaire de la Bible, Supplément</i> , ed. L. Pirot <i>et al.</i> (Paris, 1928–)
<i>DLZ</i>	<i>Deutsche Literaturzeitung</i>
<i>ET</i>	English translation
<i>GGM</i>	<i>Geographici Graeci Minores</i> , ed. C. Müller (Paris, 1855–61)
<i>GTTOT</i>	J. Simons, <i>The Geographical and Topographical Texts of the Old Testament</i> (Leiden, 1959)
<i>HTR</i>	<i>Harvard Theological Review</i>
<i>HUCA</i>	<i>Hebrew Union College Annual</i>
<i>ICC</i>	<i>International Critical Commentary</i>

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<i>IDB(S)</i>	<i>The Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible, Supplementary Volume</i> , ed. K. Crim <i>et al.</i> (Nashville, 1976)
<i>IEJ</i>	<i>Israel Exploration Journal</i>
<i>IOSCS</i>	<i>International Organisation for Septuagint and Cognate Studies</i>
<i>JAOS</i>	<i>Journal of the American Oriental Society</i>
<i>JBL</i>	<i>Journal of Biblical Literature</i>
<i>JEJ</i>	<i>Journal of Egyptian Archaeology</i>
<i>JNES</i>	<i>Journal of Near Eastern Studies</i>
<i>JPOS</i>	<i>Journal of the Palestine Oriental Society</i>
<i>JSS</i>	<i>Journal of Semitic Studies</i>
<i>JTS</i>	<i>Journal of Theological Studies</i>
<i>KAI</i>	<i>Kanaanäische und Aramäische Inschriften</i> , ed. H. Donner and W. Röllig (Wiesbaden, 1962–4)
<i>LSJ</i>	H. G. Liddell and R. Scott, <i>A Greek–English Lexicon</i> , 9th edn revised by H. S. Jones (Oxford, 1940)
<i>LXX</i>	Septuagint Version
<i>MT</i>	Masoretic Text
<i>P</i>	Priestly Work
<i>PEFQS</i>	<i>Palestine Exploration Fund Quarterly Statement</i>
<i>PEQ</i>	<i>Palestine Exploration Quarterly</i>
<i>PG</i>	<i>Patrologia Graeca</i> (ed. J.-P. Migne)
<i>PJB</i>	<i>Palästinajahrbuch</i>
<i>PL</i>	<i>Patrologia Latina</i> (ed. J.-P. Migne)
<i>RB</i>	<i>Revue Biblique</i>
<i>RE</i>	Pauly–Wissowa–Kroll, <i>Realencyclopaedie der Klassischen Altertumswissenschaft</i>
<i>Sam.</i>	Samaritan Pentateuch
<i>SBL</i>	Society of Biblical Literature
<i>SC</i>	<i>Sources Chrétiennes</i>
<i>SVT</i>	<i>Supplement to Vetus Testamentum</i>
<i>TB</i>	<i>Tyndale Bulletin</i>
<i>TLZ</i>	<i>Theologische Literaturzeitung</i>
<i>VetChr</i>	<i>Vetera Christianorum</i>
<i>VT</i>	<i>Vetus Testamentum</i>
<i>ZDPV</i>	<i>Zeitschrift der Deutschen Palästinavereins</i>

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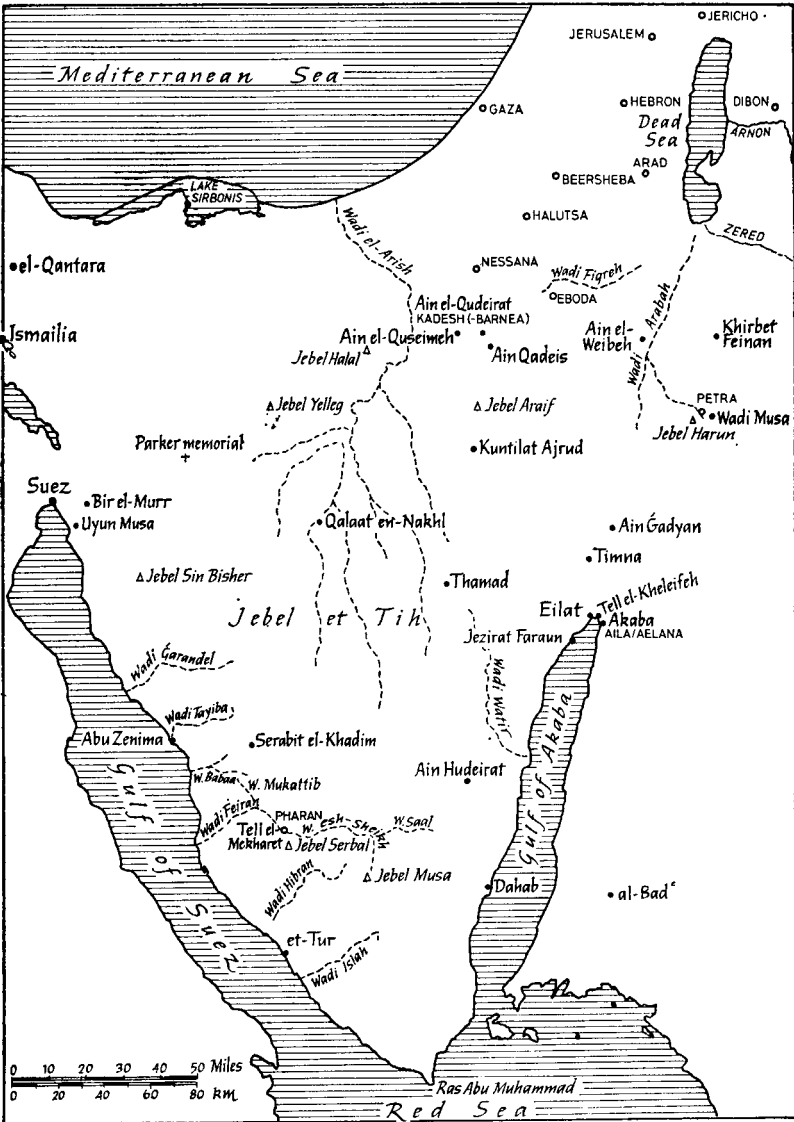
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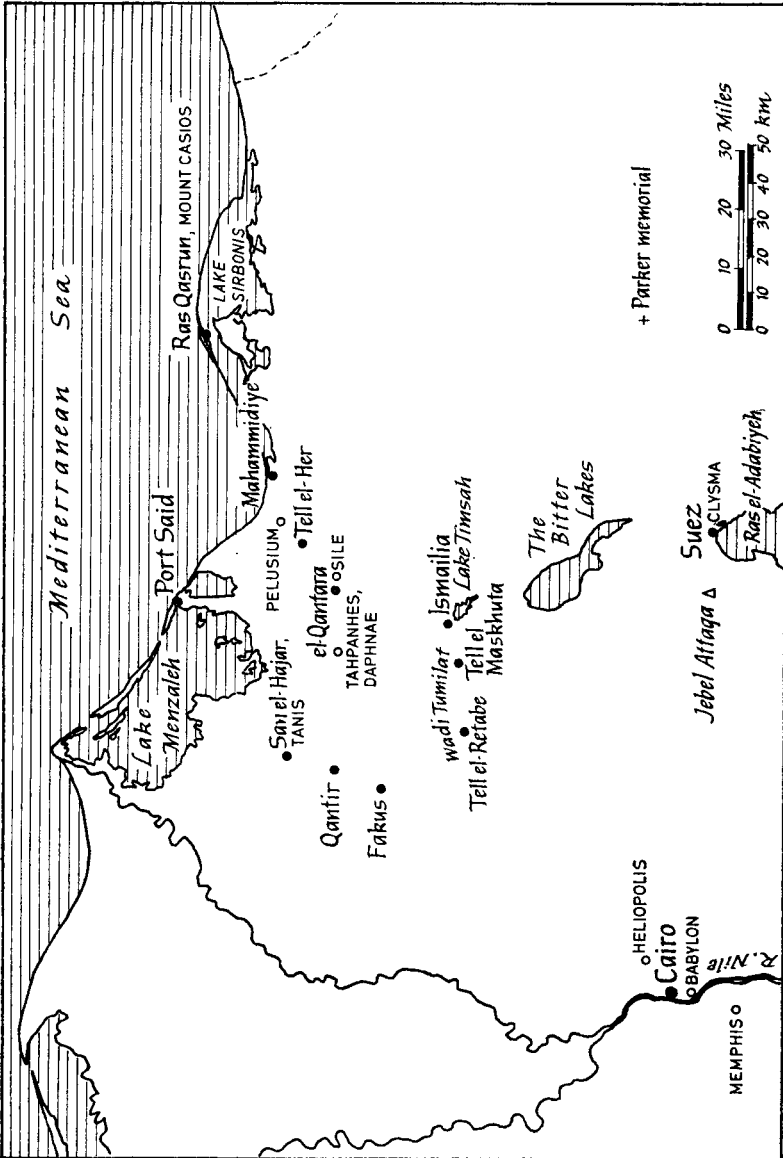
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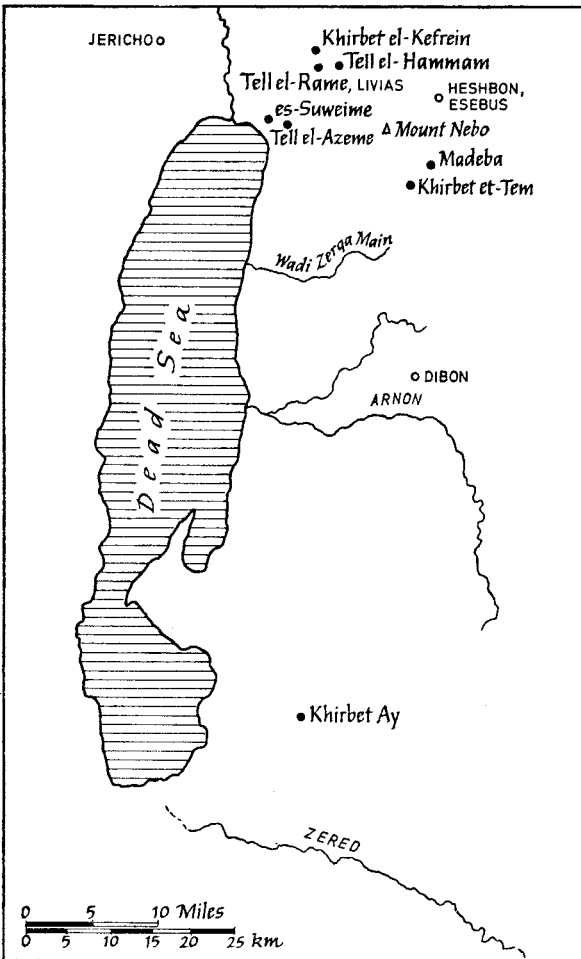
2 The eastern delta and north-west Sinai. (Ancient names are in capitals.)

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3 The Dead Sea region. (*Ancient names are in capitals.*)